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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 2002 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE CHINESE AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF A DOCUMENT ENTITLED "DRAFT DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS RACE IN OUTER SPACE AND ITS MANDATE"

I have the honour to forward herewith the Chinese and English texts of a document entitled "Draft decision on the establishment of an ad hoc committee on the prevention of an arms race in outer space and its mandate".

I would be grateful if this document could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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The Chinese Delegation

Draft decision on the establishment of an ad hoc committee on the prevention of an arms race in outer space and its mandate

The Conference takes the following decisions:

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The Conference establishes, for the duration of the current session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 3 entitled "prevention of an arms race in outer space" to deal with the prevention of an arms race in outer space. The Ad Hoc Committee shall examine and identify specific topics or proposals, which could include confidence-building or transparency measures, general principles, treaty commitments and the elaboration of a regime capable of preventing an arms race in outer space, with a view to negotiating relevant international legal instrument.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

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